

THE COMPLETE GUIDE TO BUST CULTURE By A. F. Niemoeller, A.B., M.A., B.S., *Author of Superfluous Hair and its Removal, Etc. With a Foreword by Edward Podolsky, M.D. Author of Young Women Past Forty, Etc. 1939. Harvest House, New York. Price \$3.50.*

Bust Culture is only one phase of beauty culture and in keeping with modern trends in dress and fashion would appear to be as justifiable as some of the other practices having for their object the improvement of women's charms. This book covers the subject as far as known, with completeness in detail. Advice and instruction of a scientific nature are here given concerning the useless as well as the useful.

The preface is written by Dr. Edward Podolsky, author of Medical and feminine books and in it he states: "This book is primarily practical and its information usable. It describes every important method and device employed in the esthetic improvement of the bosom and its contour. It explains the uses and abuses of medical products, commercial preparations, and home treatments. And everything is made clear in simple, non-technical language." J. A. K.

MISSISSIPPI VALLEY MEDICAL JOURNAL, *January and March issues, formerly the Radiologic Review. This is a bi-monthly publication by the Mississippi Valley Medical Society.*

While both issues have much in them of professional interest, we call especial attention to the March issue which is the Annual "Radium Number". The March issue is the Twelfth Annual "Radium Number" of the Mississippi Valley Medical Journal (Incorporating the Radiologic Review), published at Quincy, Illinois. This contains ten original articles, written especially for this issue, the most of which are contributed by well-known American radiologists. Much interesting and useful knowledge concerning the application of radium in cancer cases is contained in this number.

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PRACTICAL DERMATOLOGY AND SYPHILIS by Harry M. Robinson, M.D., *Professor of Dermatology, and Director of the Syphilis Clinic, University of Maryland, School of Medicine; Instructor in Medicine, Syphilis Division, Johns Hopkins Medical School. P. Blakiston's Son and Co., Inc. Philadelphia. Price. \$4.50.*

"This book is intended as an aid to the beginner in the study of dermatology (1) by helping him acquire a knowledge of the fundamentals of skin diseases, and (2) by showing how one may learn to recognize and diagnose the commoner diseases of this field."

This introductory makes the text at once welcome to thousands of general practitioners. A perusal of its

pages justifies the introduction. The work is profusely illustrated and the descriptions are short, clear and concise. Words are not wasted. For instance in the Etiology of leucoderma and Vitiligo: "The cause of both is unknown." Here is a little desk companion in dermatology.

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MEDICINE IN MODERN SOCIETY by David Riesman, *Princeton 1938, Princeton University Press. Price \$2.50.*

The author of this work is a busy, active practising physician, consultant to many hospitals and Professor of the History of Medicine in the University of Pennsylvania. Out of his great store of medical knowledge he delivered a series of lectures at Princeton University. In these lectures he not only ascended to the peaks of medical history but brought the subject down to modern times. He has performed the unique service of opening up the store house of scientific medicine and presenting its contents to the layman in such a manner and in such language that he can read and understand.

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DRUG ADDICTS ARE HUMAN BEINGS, THE STORY OF OUR BILLION DOLLAR DRUG RACKET, HOW WE CREATED IT AND HOW WE CAN WIPE IT OUT by Henry Smith Williams, M.D., B.Sc., LL.D. *With a statement of the Narcotics Problem by Hon. John M. Coffee of Washington (Reprinted from the Congressional Record) Washington, D. C. Shaw Publishing Company. 1938. Price \$2.50.*

If for no other reason, the presentation of this subject by a writer so versatile as the author of this volume would in itself command attention. Space will not permit us to dilate upon the energetic activities and accomplishments of the author in the field of medicine and literature. It is said of him that he "has accomplished the equivalent of three able and busy scientific men". He has given five years' study to the subject presented in this volume.

The subject is presented with the clarity and force that might be expected from the pen of an author answering the description given above. He calls the drug addict traffic a billion dollar racket essentially an American institution and attributes its development and continuance directly to the Harrison Narcotic Act. His further statements are similarly direct and forceful. The book is a very interesting and informative presentation of the narcotic situation in the United States.

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